



SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HASTINGS

Newsletter April 2019 & May 2019

Church Newsletter Editors

Denise Rutherford
Ngatamaine Tauranga (Ngā)

Jill's Musings

In mid February, during the Cook Island service, I noticed a monarch butterfly sitting on the floral display in the church. A few days later I popped into the church for something and noticed that there were three monarch butterflies flying around inside. It was a beautiful sight to see, like it was the Holy Spirit made partially visible as she works among us.

Not long after this we had Rev Dr Kevin Ward come and spend a weekend with us at St Andrews and it was such a fruitful time. Kevin loved his time here with us. As he entered the church on Sunday morning from the vestry, the first thing he saw was the beautiful banner on the back wall saying 'I will pour my Spirit out upon you.' He was so excited to see this, like it was a sign that reinforced what he was going to be preaching on: *Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.* (John 20:19-23)

The following is quoted from Kevin's sermon:

*And so the next thing is the content of the words that Jesus speaks and the consequences that followed. **Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.** In other words as God has sent me out into the world so I am sending you out to engage the world from which you have retreated. I don't want you in here, I need you out there.*

Throughout John's gospel Jesus has been described as the One who was sent by God. Now with his work nearly completed his final task is to commission his followers just as he was commissioned by God. So, just as Jesus was God's special representative sent into the world, so to his followers become Jesus representatives sent into the world witnessing to the reality of Christ and the God who sent "amber.parrystrong" <amber.parrystrong@gmail.com>; email him.

But also in this gospel, one feature of Jesus' commission that is emphasized more than anywhere else, is his empowering by the Spirit. God not only sent his Son but also empowered him with the Spirit. So in Jesus' baptism the central event as John tells it is not the water baptism itself, but the anointing in the Spirit that came to Jesus. Our first introduction to Jesus came from the prophetic words of John the Baptist, who God had told **He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**

Above all Jesus is described as the One in whom the Spirit flows like a living spring, a source of life and refreshment and renewal that following his death and resurrection will be offered to all. And so v.22 becomes the climax of John's gospel. Now that Jesus is departing the Spirit, promised in the Upper Room, is given as his farewell gift with the words **As the Father has sent me so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.**

The point of receiving the Spirit it's abundantly clear here, is not to give the disciples new spiritual experiences so they could have a good time together, though they were going to have those. Nor is it to set them apart from ordinary people, a sort of holier than thou club, God's special few. The point is the Spirit is given so that they can do for the whole world, what Jesus was doing, as Luke 4 tells us. **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor... to proclaim release to those in bondage and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed for free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. As the Father has sent me so I am sending you.** That's why they needed the Spirit, God's breath, to enable them to do the task they could never otherwise dream of doing. And they did.

The church is a result of, and continuation of, the mission of God in Christ. It is its reason for being, and when we forget that and become preoccupied or focussed on other things we lose our essence. As someone else put it, "The church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning." Might our loss of this explain much of our current malaise? We do not understand what our mission is, or if we do we think the world doesn't want to hear it and so we gather like these first followers fearful and beleaguered with our dwindling numbers behind closed doors, focused on trying to preserve what we have rather than going on the mission as we have been sent.

What is that mission? Notice Jesus mentions **peace** twice. Once when the church is gathered together, and then as he sends them into the world. This is the mission we are called to share in. Not keeping the wonderful peace and joy which Christ brings to ourselves as we have a great time together but, as we go, sharing it with a broken and hurting world. **If you forgive the sins of anyone they are forgiven.** The wonderful privilege is ours of pronouncing the forgiveness that God offers to all through the death of Jesus and the joy that comes from the gift of the Spirit. This is our missional calling as a church. A community of forgiveness, reconciliation, *shalom*, joy, which we experience as we gather around Christ, but not to keep for ourselves but to take it with us as we go from and return to that community so others can be welcomed into participation in the peace that Christ brings. Isn't that still after 2000 years what people still long for? *(If you would like a copy of Kevin's full sermon, let me know).*

They are such good words for us to hear and they are such challenging words for us to hear, reminding us of what we as the church are called to be and to do. It certainly feels like the Holy Spirit is at work leading us out into the community. The way God has blessed the Landscaped Community Corner, with all of the money coming in with seemingly no effort at all. We are also progressing the funding of Power to the People at an amazing rate, although the extensive funding cannot be made public at this stage.

The following was Kevin's prayer for St Andrews:

My prayer for you as you move into your future is that in your going, you may go, living in the spacious love of God, the redeeming grace of Christ and the empowering breath of the Spirit.

They are wonderful words for us to receive as a faith community.

Post Script

It was the day after I had sent my musings through to Denise that the Christchurch Mosque Terrorist Attacks happened. From 4pm on that Friday afternoon we have had the church open during the day for people to come and pray or light a candle, in the midst of this trauma and grief to symbolize the reality that God's love, stronger and shines more brightly than any evil that is done. We have many people come through, both people from within our church family as well as from the community. We pray for our Muslim brothers and sisters and here in Hastings we are already looking for ways to engage with our Muslim sisters who are especially fearful right now. Do contact me if it is on your heart to be part of this.

For more thoughts on what has happened I point you to the poignant reflection in this newsletter by Donavon Lind, the Chair of Presbytery Central Council.

Jill

REFLECTIONS, MARCH 2019

DONOVAN LIND, PRESBYTERY CENTRAL MODERATOR

The shortest verse in the Bible consists of just two words:

"Jesus wept" (John 11:35, NIV)



This statue represents Jesus weeping, and it stands near the site of the Oklahoma City bombing. No doubt, in due course, there will be a memorial in Christchurch to those who lost their lives in the shocking, unprovoked events of last week.

Jesus experienced the full range of human emotions including grief and deep sadness. There are three accounts of him weeping: firstly, over Jerusalem, for those who were to perish (Luke 19:41-44); secondly, over the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:35); and during the agonies of prayer (Hebrews 5:7).

Is Jesus weeping now? I think so.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem, the city of peace, because it was soon to be destroyed and many of its inhabitants killed. Despite his people's disobedience and willfulness, he wept not out of anger or vengeance but out of compassion.

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."

Luke 19:41-42 (NIV)

Jesus stands here today, sees the consequences of human wickedness, and weeps. And we weep with him, not comprehending what could lead the Christchurch gunman to act in such a savage and heartless way.

Many in our community will be asking right now, "Where is God in all of this? How could a loving God allow this to happen?" It's natural to ask ourselves the exact same question. Why all this unjustified suffering, and the crushing pain?

The teaching that Jesus came to give was the Father saying, "I wish I could change it. I wish I could make it different. I wish I could have created a world where no one hurt and no one suffered, but because there was no other way, I came to you and I suffer too." Are you afraid? He was afraid. Are you lonely? He was lonely. Do you weep? He wept with us. If our hearts are tuned to his, we will shed tears of compassion too. Jesus stood beside Jerusalem, saw what was happening, and he wept. Jesus still weeps.

<https://www.keylife.org/articles/jesus-still-weeps>

I need to say though that this is not so much a time for trying to grapple with the theology of suffering as it is a time for compassion, authenticity and action.

Here are some (abridged) suggestions from Mark Johnston, Co-Acting Principal of KCML. Feel free to use this as a starting point, as you think about how we as individuals and as members of the body of Christ, might respond to Friday's events.

- We refer to the fact... that this was a terrorist attack on the Muslim community as well as on who we are as a country that welcomes peoples of different faiths.*
- Our prayers for others might mention the rise of Islamophobia and its roots in Western society.*
- Expressing solidarity with Muslim contacts, neighbours and mosques.*
- Ring of Peace - where faith members gather around mosques and express their identification and solidarity. <https://www.cjnews.com/news/canada/members-jewish-community-solidarity-toronto-mosque>*
- What if we were to close our church in solidarity and gather in a public park for worship instead...*
- Make available some of our church premises for use by the Muslim community - assisting with hospitality for instance with special Muslim events... one Baptist church... in Auckland is doing this.*

Beyond the immediacy of the current situation, may our feelings of grief and anger be translated into practical acts of compassion.

Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of

God—the free life! — even out of the corner of his [or her] eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

James 1:22-25 (The Message)

Ei aronga rave oki kotou i te tuatua nei, auraka ei aronga akarongo ua, i te pikikā ua anga ia kotou uaorai. Ko te tangata oki e akarongo ua i te tuatua, e kāre aia i rave, e tau aia i te tangata e akara ua i tona uaorai mata ki roto i te io rā: Te akara rā aia iaia uaorai, e aere atura, ngaropoina ua iora tona tu iaia uaorai i reira rā. Ko te akara rā ki roto i te ture tika rava o te rangatira rā, mā te tamou tikai, nō te mea kare aia i te tangata akangaropoina ua i te tuatua kia akarongo, e tangata rave rā aia i taua angaanga rā, akameitakā ia aia i te rave anga.

Iakobo 1:22-25

Blessings to you—and those whom you care about—in these challenging times.

Notes from the Parish Council Clerk

I write this at the beginning of Lent. For those of us on the land it is a time of harvest and Hawkes Bay has been at its brilliant best with an abundance of crops of all descriptions while at church our Christian brothers and sisters from Vanuatu, working on the harvest, are back worshipping with us. For me it is a reminder of God's generous love, giving us far more than we need and inviting us to share with others.

We have now had our congregational meeting on the 17th February where two motions were passed:

“The St Andrews Congregation supports Parish Councils recommendation to proceed with the Landscaping Project”.

“The St Andrews Congregation endorses Parish Councils support for continuing involvement in the Power to the People Project”.

It is pleasing to report that both projects are making very good progress. The Hastings District Council is planning to carry out the landscaping project in April. Chris Lambourne has had continuing great support for the Power to the People Project including the law firm of Bell Gully assisting with the establishment of an appropriate legal structure on a pro bono basis.

Parish Council recently held a Leadership retreat lead by Rev Dr Kevin Ward from The Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. Our theme was listening and discerning as a Parish Council. I'm sure many of you wonder about the roles of Elders. We were reminded that our primary role is the spiritual oversight of the life of the congregation. For that we

must gather together to listen and discern what God is calling us to do as God's people. A practical outcome is that Parish Council's agendas are built around:

- prayer *together*
- reflection on scripture *together*
- listening to the voices from our community *together*
- discernment of God's desires *together*

The day was enjoyed by all. The following day a wider presbytery event was held at St Johns with Kevin leading a discussion on "Healthy Leadership for Healthy Churches". Again this proved particularly useful for both ministers and lay people.

On Thursday evening some of us attended Rev Wayne Teleafoa's induction at St Columbas Havelock North. This was a joyous occasion with a packed church and Jill delivering a sermon based on John 21:4-19.

As we journey towards Easter a short prayer from Bill Bennett:

Easter hope shines out like snow on the mountain peaks, clear and defining, high and promising.

God of resurrection, help us look beyond the foreground of our worries,

To the glorious hope of the risen Christ

Arohanui,

Jim



Introducing Jim Thompson



I have two given names, my first was my Birth name Clifford Gordon Barke and my adopted name after having been fostered for nearly a year is James Edward Thompson. I was born at One Tree Hill, Auckland I have one brother, two sisters and a half-sister. We all were adopted but my half-sister who was my father's sister's child.

My blood great Grandad was a Presbyterian Minister originally from Sheffield England and arrived in New Plymouth from England.

I was brought up near Eureka in the Waikato which is ten miles from Hamilton, we biked to school three miles away at

Matangi Primary School. My adopted Father was an Elder in our local Parish and my adopted Mother ran the Sunday School. My secondary education was at St Kentigern College where I attended as a boarder at Bruce House.

After working on our two farms I moved to Hamilton and qualified as a Glazier.

In brief, managed a Photographic Studio, worked for Agfa Geavert NZ, managed a mirror manufacturing plant and manager Winstone Glass Invercargill.

Whilst in Wanganui I obtained NZIM certificate qualification then sat briefly on the NZIM board in Wanganui before my transfer to Invercargill.

Having had two operations whilst in Invercargill resulting in an incurable disease from one, I retrained in computers mostly with Microsoft where I became a Microsoft Certified Partner.

I am divorced after 33 years of marriage and I have three married daughters in their forties and seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

I came to St Andrews on the Holy Spirit request, after a series of negative events at my previous church.

What do I do in the Church? Do my best to run the sound desk on Sundays, record the services which I edit and post on our Website each week. I also try to look after the church computers when there is a problem. I rebuilt our Website a few years ago when the original one kept failing and was about to cost the Church several thousands of dollars to fix. Along with some others. I maintain and update the information on our church

My favourite Bible verses are many but I do have a rock on my shelf at home from Psalm Chapter 18 Verse 2 Which reads "The Lord is my rock my fortress and my deliverer that for me sums up my relationship with our Maker".

My main wish is that the Church honours and puts God first in all its activities and that our members love and respect all people.

My Hobbies include gardening, painting, art and crochet listening to classical music and a little country.



ACTIVITY SHEET 4 YOUTH

Stations of the Cross

Name: _____

Unscramble the following words:

stations
of the
CROSS



First Station: Jesus is condemned to _____. atdeh

Second Station: Jesus takes up his _____. rssco

Third Station: Jesus _____ for the first time. aflsl

Fourth Station: Jesus meets his _____. ohtrme

Fifth Station: _____ of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross. omSin

Sixth Station: _____ wipes the face of Jesus. ariecnVo

Seventh Station: Jesus falls for the _____ time. cdonse

Eighth Station: Jesus consoles the _____ of Jerusalem. nomwe

Ninth Station: Jesus falls for the _____ time. htrid

Tenth Station: Jesus is _____ of his garments. ipresdpt

Eleventh Station: Jesus is _____ to the cross. enilda

Twelfth Station: Jesus _____ on the cross. seid

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the _____. sosrc

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the _____. botm

ACTIVITY SHEET 4 YOUTH

THE PEOPLE CONFESS THEIR SIN

MEMORY VERSE:

"Now therefore, make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land." *EZRA 10:11*

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "Now while Ezra was (**PRAYING, LAYING**), and while he was (**ADDRESSING, CONFESSING**), (**SLEEPING, WEEPING**), and (**BOWING, SOWING**) down before the house of God, a very large congregation of men, women, and children assembled to him from Israel; for the people wept very bitterly." *EZRA 10:1*

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

2. "Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came there..." *EZRA 10:6*
- a. he ate no bread
 - b. he drank no water
 - c. he mourned because of the guilt of those from the captivity
 - d. all of the above

TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "They issued a proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all the descendants of the captivity, that they must gather at Jerusalem." *EZRA 10:7* TRUE OR FALSE
4. "All the people sat in the open square of the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of heavy rain." *EZRA 10:9* TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

5. "Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, 'You have transgressed and have taken (**PAGAN, GODLY**) wives, adding to the guilt of Israel.' " *EZRA 10:10*
6. "Now therefore, make (**CONFESSION, CONFUSION**) to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His will; separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the pagan wives." *EZRA 10:11*

TRUE OR FALSE:

7. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, "No! As you have said, we will not do." *EZRA 10:12* TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD(S):

8. They said, "Please, let the leaders of our entire congregation stand; and let all those in our cities who have taken pagan wives come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of their cities, until the fierce wrath of our God is turned (**AWAY FROM, TOWARD**) us in the matter." *EZRA 10:14*

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

Last week I was asked a couple of questions about Power To The People (PttP) which I thought to bring up in this newsletter.

Q1. The first question was about how PttP is being funded, and what is St Andrew's role in the funding?

Answer PttP is seeking funding from external organisations and individuals. St Andrew's is not being asked to fund the capital costs of the project.

Q2. The second question was about the how much support St Andrew's is providing to PttP?

Answer: St Andrew's has offered the use of one of its rooms for meetings as a "project office."

Q3. What is happening now with PttP?

Answer: We are in the process of fundraising. It going well and I am confident that we can get to the target of \$2.7m by August 2019. Also we have been fortunate to have Bell Gully provide their legal services pro bono to establish the charitable trust. This is worth around \$10,000. This came about as Bev Nash's son Hayden is a Partner at Bell Gully.

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Ka kite ano,

Chris Lambourne.

The Landscaped Community Corner

We were thrilled that the funding for the garden came in so easily and quickly, God's hand was certainly in it! Thank you to all of those families who have sponsored seats and all those people who have contributed to the garden fundraising.

Everyone is asking when are we starting. We have met with the Hastings District Council and they are hoping to get the finalized plans to us in the next few weeks. We will know more about the start date for the landscaping to begin then. We plan to have some kind of blessing when the work begins including morning tea for the workers, as well as a special opening once it is complete. It is our aim that hospitality will be a central part of this garden space right from the outset.

Sponsor	Amount	
Hastings District Council	\$15,000	
Hancock Bequest in memory of Dick and Valda	\$5,000	
Spall Bequest in memory of Bruce Spall	\$1,000	
Takie Bequest in memory of Mama Peke	\$1,000	
Aberahama Donation on behalf of their family	\$1,000	
Starck Bequest in memory of Brett and Debbie's Fathers	\$1,000	
Nichols Bequest in memory of Mama Ora	\$1,000	
Farming House	\$1,000	
Anonymous	\$800	
Anonymous	\$400	
Anonymous	\$500	
Cook Islands Contribution to Vaka (Waka) seat	\$2,610	
Donations of Ground Cover	\$30	
Pledges for Ground Cover	\$70	
	TOTAL	\$30,410



Parish Members Consideration of a Bequest to St Andrews

Back 33 years ago when I became Treasurer of St Andrews in Hastings, it was quite a common occurrence that our Parish members left in their Wills a legacy, otherwise known as a bequest for the benefit of St Andrews. This meant St Andrews benefits from that bequest after the passing of the member.

There is another way of looking at this, and that is if you are thinking about this and are in a position to be able to leave a bequest, why not leave it whilst you are alive rather than when you have passed away? This way you have the pleasure of seeing your bequest being used for the benefit of St Andrews during your lifetime for no amount of money is of any use to anybody when they have passed from this earthly life.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Barry Rosenberg.

Treasurer

MARAEKAKAHO ANZAC DAY

In Maraekakaho too we are moving out into the community. ANZAC Day is a huge day in Maraekakaho with around 600 people attending the morning service. Judith Stockley has been researching the history of the men who died at war from the Maraekakaho district and this will be on display at the church on ANZAC day for people to come and learn about the stories behind the names of the men on the Cenotaph.

Rather than having a focus of providing services of worship in Maraekakaho to which only a few people come we are focusing on another key tenet of our faith – hospitality and fellowship. To that end we are holding a concert on May 10th in the Maraekakaho church entitled ‘Music and Mulled Wine’. Locals, Amy and Steve Dunn will play.

A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON



We had a special luncheon to celebrate Derek Teariki being awarded the Queens Service Medal for the wonderful contribution he makes to the Hawkes Bay Cook Islands Community.



***Congratulation to Lucy MacKay
who is Karamu High's Head Girl
this year***



Here is a picture of Lucy and her Mum Linda on the day we prayed for her and her year ahead, thanking God for the leadership skill's she has been given.

FINANCIAL REPORT

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

To 1st February to 28th February 2019

Income	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD
Car Park Rental	\$1,583.40	\$1,583.00	\$0.40	\$12,667.20	\$12,664.00	\$3.20
Church - Weddings & Funerals	\$0.00	\$167.00	-\$167.00	\$1,217.40	\$1,336.00	-\$118.60
Donations - Church	\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Donations - Foodbank	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.50
Donations - Hall	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00	\$1,190.80	\$800.00	\$390.80
Fundraising Hall	\$0.00	\$667.00	-\$667.00	\$0.00	\$5,336.00	-\$5,336.00
Hire - Church	\$872.63	\$833.00	\$39.63	\$6,325.52	\$6,664.00	-\$338.48
Hire - Hall	\$1,436.96	\$2,500.00	-\$1,063.04	\$19,098.13	\$20,000.00	-\$901.87
Legacies Received	\$0.00	\$750.00	-\$750.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,000.00	-\$3,500.00
Offering - Golden	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$332.50	\$0.00	\$332.50
Offering - Internet	\$897.00	\$1,033.00	-\$136.00	\$8,228.00	\$8,264.00	-\$36.00
Offerings - Envelope	\$2,518.70	\$2,667.00	-\$148.30	\$21,019.70	\$21,336.00	-\$316.30
Offerings - Plate	\$598.30	\$667.00	-\$68.70	\$5,325.70	\$5,336.00	-\$10.30
Power to the People	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,620.00	\$0.00	\$1,620.00
PSS Offering - Guardian Angel	-\$6.20	\$30.00	-\$36.20	-\$302.10	\$240.00	-\$542.10
Other Income	\$4,821.07	\$1,301.00	\$3,520.07	\$9,631.50	\$10,408.00	-\$776.50
Total Income	\$12,721.86	\$12,423.00	\$298.86	\$88,854.85	\$99,384.00	-\$10,529.15
Less Operating Expenses	\$12,524.71	\$15,936.00	-3411.29	\$154,468.82	\$157,658.00	-\$3,189.18
Net Profit	\$197.15	-\$3,513.00	\$3,710.15	-\$65,613.97	-\$58,274.00	-\$7,339.97

Church Notices

Goodbyes

In March we were sad to farewell Jean Lamont whose funeral was at St Andrews on March the 11th. Jean was a longtime member of St Andrews. We also commended Karen Kara into God's keeping. Karen worked with Jill to create the Mothers Lament service on Mother's Day for people who had lost children or who for whatever reason hadn't been able to have any. We hold both Jeana and Karen and their families in love as they navigate life without these two wonderful women.

St Andrews Fundraiser

Movie: Vai

Vai is filmed in seven Pacific Islands and shows the journey of one woman's story of empowerment through her culture over her lifetime. The character of Vai is played by a different indigenous actress from the islands of Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Kūki 'Āirani (Cook Islands), Samoa, Niue and Aotearoa (New Zealand).

Tickets are \$22 and include a complimentary drink of your choice. Wednesday 1st of May 5.15pm for drinks and nibbles. Movie starts at 6pm. Great raffles too

Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to this great night out!!!

Tickets available from Wendy at the Office 8788247 or info@standrewshastings.org.nz



CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 18TH MAY

Helpers are wanted in the hall 9.30am Saturday for the purpose of making up cheese rolls and for tasting, for the cheese roll fundraiser. For full details see Jane Herries or phone: 8709552.



Information For Next Newsletter



Can you please email Denise your reports/photos by May 8th so that she can collate everything before forwarding it to Nga to format the newsletter.

Nga and Denise would like to thank everyone for their feedback about the previous newsletter. They would like to receive both positive and negative feedback, plus things that need to change.

Please email Nga or Denise

To contact Maine (Nga):

- Private message on facebook
- Email: ngaioanetauranga@gmail.com
- Ring and leave a voice message on 8706901 or 0275112619
- Text on 0275112619

To contact Denise:

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- Phone: 8769632

St Andrews has a Facebook page!! This is a great way to quickly share news and information. So if you are on Facebook already it is a great way to connect!

Our Facebook page is **St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hastings**



PASTORAL CARE GROUP

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	Barbara Stokes	Phone 878 3541
	Roro Takei	Phone 844 2191

If Parish Members have any pastoral concerns please contact any of the above.

ST ANDREW'S TEXTING CARE CIRCLE

If there is someone with a need contact the Pastoral Care Group, the Minister a member of the Parish Council, or self refer by phoning or texting Ken Hutchison on **021 078 4923**

Ken will text members of the Texting Care Circle to keep the person or need in their thoughts and prayers.



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The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday 9:30am – 2:30pm

April @ ST ANDREWS

NB. Study Group each Thursday at 10am

Tuesday	2nd	7pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	3rd	6:30pm	God and Pizza Group at Jill's Home
Wednesday	3rd-7th		Once on this island – A New Musical, Presented by Lindisfarne and Iona College at the Lowe Family Performing Arts Centre. Ticket sales @ Lindisfarne and Iona College
Sunday	7th	11am	Combined service led by Rev. Keith Rowe
		7pm	Farewell service for Rev Warren Fortune at Lindisfarne
Sunday	14th	10am	Service led by Rev Jill
		12pm	Kuki Airani led by Rev Jill
Thursday	18th	7pm	Maundy Thursday led by Rev Jill
Friday	19th	10am	Good Friday Combined Communion Service & walk from St Matthews ending at St Andrews led by Rev'd Alister Hendery
Sunday	21st	10am	Easter Sunday Service Led by Rev Jill
		12pm	Kuki Airani Service led by Rev Jill
Monday	22nd	7.30pm	Study Group at Gerda Pronk's home.
Tuesday	23rd	4pm	Board of Managers Meeting
Thursday	25th	9.30am	ANZAC DAY. Maraekakaho Exhibition: of the lives of the men whose names are on the Maraekakaho Cenotaph
Sunday	28th	10am	Service Led by Rev Jill
		12pm	Kuki Airani Service led by Rev Jill

May @ St Andrews

NB. Study Group each Thursday at 10am

Wednesday	1st	3pm	Worship Taskgroup Meeting in the Red room
		5.15pm	A Movie night Fundraiser on Wednesday night, showing the movie Vai. More information about it in the newsletter, under Church notice.
Sunday	5th	11am	White Sunday Combined Communion Service.
Tuesday	7th	7pm	Parish Council meeting
Friday	10th	7.30pm	Concert @ Maraekakaho Church with Amy and Steve Dunn. Koha
Saturday	18th	9.30am	Cheese Roll Fundraiser- Helpers required 9.30am in the hall
Sunday	19th	10am	Service led by Rev Jill
		12pm	Kuki Airani Service led by Rev Jill
Sunday	26th	10am	Service led by Rev Jill
		12pm	Kuki Airani Service led by Rev Jill
Monday	27th	7.30pm	Study Group at Gerda Pronk's home

June @ St Andrews

NB. Study Group each Thursday at 10am

Sunday	2nd	11am	Combined Holy Communion Service
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What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

**In little joys
In all the joys and the peace,
There is always one name on my mind,
Whenever I sit in the dark,
Whenever I unwind,
It's only God that I see everywhere,
Coz he is in every part,
Day and night I remember him,
From my loving heart,
Thank you God for everything!**

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